

## **Montgomery County Council**

### From the Offices of Councilmembers Thomas Perez, George Leventhal, and Michael Knapp

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#### Statement by Councilmembers Thomas Perez, **George Leventhal and Michael Knapp**

We are very pleased that the County Council has reaffirmed its strong support of the Inner Purple Line, the 14-mile light rail service that will connect Bethesda to College Park and New Carrollton; and the Corridor Cities Transitway.

"Only the Inner Purple Line has attracted an unprecedented coalition of business, labor, community and environmental groups," said Councilmember Tom Perez. "It will not solve all of our traffic problems, but it will significantly improve the lives of thousands of low-income and working families who spend long hours everyday getting to and from their minimum wage jobs."

Councilmember George Leventhal said: "This is the only Purple Line that makes sense. It is the only Purple Line that is in the Master Plan. It is the only Purple Line that will be approved by the Federal Transit Administration."

Councilmember Mike Knapp said: "Transit is a key element of a comprehensive solution to our transportation problems. This vote reiterates the Council's commitment to serving all parts of Montgomery County. The Corridor Cities Transitway will be a significant improvement to the quality of life for the Upcounty."